*Several hundreds of millions of the earth's population, today, are in greater peril and hardship than are the people of the United States. Let's solve that, perhaps, by next Christmas, this danger to our own shores has subsided. We can do our bit by meeting to the demands of our leaders.*

# The Birmingham Eccentric

SIXTY-FOURTH YEAR—NO. 39 BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1941 $1.50 PER YEAR (In Oakland County)—SINGLE COPIES, 5c

WE welcome the opportunity the Holiday Season offers to express our appreciation of the confidence and good will of our friends.

A Merry Christmas to you and yours and every good wish for Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*Snyder, Buck & Bennett*

May we take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of our patrons for their patronage during the past year and at the same time wish you all A Very Merry Christmas.

**HUSTON HARDWARE CO.**

*"Continuous Since 1909"*

Phone 110 205 N. Woodward

A VERY MERRY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS to all. We extend warmest greetings of the season, and to you comes a yuletide pledge to continue the high type of service that has marked our relationship through the past years. In the spirit of Christmas, may you always enjoy the happiness that we wish for you this Yuletide season . . .

*BUY U. S. DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS FOR SALE HERE*

BIRMINGHAM FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N

243 E. Maple Ave.

## Many Residents Gain Citizenship At Court Hearing

Twenty-nine Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents were granted their American citizenship in a recent hearing before Circuit Judge George B. Hartrick, at Pontiac.

They are as follows:

Edith B. Geisel
Mrs. Kathleen M. Arnold
Agnes P. Wilson
Isobel C. Bruder
Mrs. Hanna E. Goodwin, Bloomfield Hills
John A. Parkins
Frank L. Birrell
Anna Danz
Mrs. M. G. W. Pfullips
Elsie Beecroft Dove
William A. Grooms
Walter H. Killing
Mrs. Jean Chanay
Mrs. Anna E. Burton, Bloomfield Hills
Norman A. Miller
Harry J. Moran
Sidney R. Oliver
James L. Brown, Big Beaver
Mrs. Ethel G. Baker
Charles O. Ball
Walter A. Hemsl
Niman B. Brown
Harold Hunt
Percival E. Biggar, Bloomfield Hills
Mrs. Murrell Dooley
Mrs. Mary C. Bruni
Mrs. Marion S. Brown, Bloomfield Hills
Mrs. Vera C. Wilford
Mrs. Margaret G. Smith
Clarence W. King.

## *Phone Company Expecting Heavy Christmas Rush*

Addition of urgent military and governmental communications requirements to the already unprecedented demand for service brought a prediction from the Michigan Bell Telephone Company today that the volume of long distance calls this Christmas Eve and day will be the greatest on record, even exceeding the highest business day records of the past.

W. B. Fauser, telephone manager, emphasized that the company is obliged to keep adequate channels open for urgent Army, Navy and other governmental messages, even though that necessity may mean disappointment to many wishing to make Christmas greeting calls.

The telephone manager suggested ways in which users might cooperate with the company in an effort to reduce delays on calls. He urged that, insofar as possible, peak traffic periods be avoided and that long distance calls be placed before 9 o'clock Christmas morning and after 11 Christmas night; that the number of the distant telephone be given the long distance operator, and that telephone conversations be kept as brief as possible.

### Car Goes Out of Control; Hits Underpass Entrance

When his car went out of control, Arnold Sigurd Waller, of 119 Cadillac, Pontiac, careened into the underpass entrance at Hunter boulevard and Oakland, Thursday evening. Damage was estimated at $20.

INSURANCE - BONDS
THE BIRMINGHAM AGENCY
CHAS B. RANDALL
OSCAR P. PETERSON
Insurance for Every Need
PHONE 840
106 S. WOODWARD - BIRMINGHAM

## *BITS OF BIRMINGHAM*

**Little Barbara's letter to Santa** became lost, somehow, when letters of her school (Bloomfield Village) were printed, so here it is:

"Dear Santa: For Christmas I would like a real watch. I need one very badly. I hope you are going to remember the poor children in England and Germany. I hope you can get through the sky and through the Pacific Ocean without getting bombed. We like you very much. With love, BARBARA, Grade 3-II.

—o—

**A poem by Effie Alger Allen,** 1859 Yorkshire road, appears in the December issue of Kaleidograph, a national magazine of poetry published at Dallas. It follows:

MARIETTE

TIPTOE, tiptoe, mariette!
Quietly your footsteps fret,
Sleeping consciousness to wrought
By your alchemy you wrought
Miracle for me of old,
Changing common things to gold
I acknowledge here my debt,
Tiptoe, tiptoe, mariette.

Tiptoe, tiptoe, mariette!
Cherry-bloom and you were met
At my mother's open door,
Each spring whiter than before
There you came to count the Years,
Marking them as one who fears
Wandering as the seasons let,
Tiptoe, tiptoe, mariette.

Tiptoe, tiptoe, mariette!
How unwillingly you'd set
Modest footsteps marking time
Down the avenues of rhyme!
You who chose the stilly part,
Loved of wild things, shy of art,
Victim of untold regret,
Tiptoe, tiptoe, mariette.

—o—

**A letter was written by one of** our Birmingham soldiers at Camp Livingston on Sunday, Dec. 7, apparently just a short time before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. That made meaningless this one sentence: "I think most of the soldiers think as I do about Christmas. Whether we get anything or not, we are grateful that we can spend our Christmas in peace and not on some battlefield."

—o—

**It has always puzzled this Wanderer** why people should write "Detroit, Mich." when just plain "Detroit" is enough; or "Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich." when to local readers that address is much too long. So it was interesting the other day when we got a letter from a local woman who wrote but two words on her envelope—just "Birmingham Eccentric." I suppose just the word "Eccentric" would be enough for a letter mailed in town. The danger with abbreviated addresses is that should a letter get out of town, by mistake, it might never get back.

—o—

(Note: If it is possible for this Wanderer to get such Beeper into the realm of trivial things than in the paragraph above, he would like to know where.)

—o—

**It appears that the Eccentric** was slightly incorrect in carrying a brief story two weeks ago to the effect that the new welded water tank near Hunter boulevard would be put up without use of noisy riveting machines. The Wanderer went by yesterday morning and a compressed-air hammer was making a great racket.

—o—

**The new water tank** will be supported by tall cylindrical columns, not by the old-fashioned spider web of angle iron. When completed, it will resemble a giant mushroom.

—o—

**Louis P. Marzion, 37, of Clawson,** has pleaded guilty to a charge of negligent homicide and was to have been sentenced yesterday. He was charged with having driven on the wrong side of the road while drunk; in a collision with another car, one man was killed. He is the father of three children.

—o—

**A letter arrived on the editor's** desk from the War Department, Sixth Corps Area, and inside were the words, "Not for Publication." The editor read on hurriedly, expecting to learn something of a highly secret nature. Then the message unfolded: It was a Christmas greeting!

—o—

**This Wanderer was much surprised** to learn that Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne was a writer of verse. Following is his contribution, dashed off in a moment of patriotism:

Buy Defense Bonds Mr. and Mrs.
Buy Defense Bonds Jimmie and Kay.
Invest your dimes and your dollars,
In this glorious U. S. A.
Let's all rally around Old Glory,
Every mother, child and dad,
And make the sale of stamps, and bonds,
The universal fad.

—o—

**Birmingham's track team ought** to have high hurdles of lighter material, it was brought out at a recent school board meeting. The present hurdles are so heavy that the boys have permanently injured their knees on them, it was said. No doubt spring will find new hurdles on the field.

—o—

**This edition of "Bits" brings to** light another writer of verse. He is Dori Nimmo, real estate man with the Max Broock Co., and he has shed off this:

With the old Ohio rises and floods a lot of towns,
And the Mississippi follows and swells all out of bounds,
Then the rumbling of an earthquake shakes all the Western grounds.
Gee! I'm glad I live in Michigan.

Then tornadoes hit the Southlands and follow up the coast,
Then New England snows start melting and rush down the mountain slopes,
And the dust bowl starts its shifting and ruins all the crops,
Gee! I'm glad I live in Michigan.

Then the Jap with white flag waving struck their treacherous blow
With the Nazis in their footsteps following up to join our foe,
Then the Axis altogether did their worst to us to live,
Gee! I'm glad I live in Michigan!

—o—

**Using an electric heater to make** fluff house coats not a successful experiment last week at the Leslie L. Colbert home, 620 Puritan. According to Chief Vernon W. Smith, cloth material was placed on the heater, and when the electricity was turned on by a three-year-old child, it caught fire. The floor and baseboard were charred. Then loss estimated at about $20.

—o—

**The Detroit Suburban Foundry** Co., Birmingham, has increased its stock from $7,500 to $10,000 preferred and $15,000 common, according to a report from Langley. The Wanderer is not familiar with this company.

—o—

**Business around town dropped** off when war was declared, but it is back in full swing again, we see.

—o—

**If the Japs go farther in Ma-**laya and the Brits cut down all their rubber trees, what will we Americs do for auto tires? The Wanderer opines that it would be smart for every driver to have his tires checked for alignment, for misalignment will waste as much as 10% of the miles thereon. Also, keep just a little more air in your tires and check them weekly.

—o—

**Billy Dove, who is foreman of** the "lock-up" and press operations, also master of the local Masonic lodge and a couple of weeks ago was granted his picture, as is our custom of some years' standing. "I never realized how much The Eccentric gets around," he told us. "I told about everybody I know before me they saw my picture and wanted to know if the press survived the ordeal of printing it!"

The editors know how closely people read the paper, especially when there is something in it a reader doesn't like!

—o—

**We note in the current issue of** the Michigan Bell, (the phone company's employee magazine) pictures of two new operators: Betty Morgan and Barbara Allison.

—o—

**For that last minute Christmas** gift, why not a subscription to The Eccentric? You'd be surprised how much the home town paper means to boys in the services! That costs $1.50 a year; otherwise the price is $2 a year to any point in the U. S.; and anywhere within Oakland County, it is $1.50 a year.

—o—

**It is said that natural gas will be** supplied us some time between February 1 and March 1 if the labor supply and priorities permit. They say house heating will cost the same as oil if oil hits 7 or 8 cents.

—o—

**Presbyterian Players put on a** Christmas play last night, and for the sake of authenticity, Duke Dubois prowled around Detroit newsstands to get a copy of a Bethlehem, Pa., newspaper. The paper was one of the properties in a modernized, streamlined version of an old standby.

—o—

**Residents of Holland avenue** have been calling in complaints about the small children, around six years old, who have been making a game of standing in the middle of the road until a car or truck gets within a few feet of them before they run. Another favorite trick is running out in front of cars. No one wants to run down a child at any time, and particularly not around Christmas.

—o—

**Les Stiers, Tom Carruthers and** Archie Livingston warbled barbershop tunes as part of the program of the annual hunters' roundup held last Thursday evening at Sylvan Lake.

—o—

**From this Wanderer to all the** rest of you mortals who are wandering through life's paths and ways . . . a very Merry Christmas!

## Negro CCC Boys Buy Defense Stamps

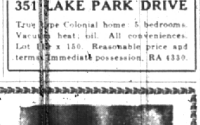
Members of Civilian Conservation Corps Company 2695, a Negro unit located at Camp White River, White Cloud, Michigan, are banded together for National Defense to the point that they are contributing a portion of their monthly salaries for Defense Stamps, it was announced today by Major General J. M. Cummins, commanding the Sixth Corps Area with headquarters in Chicago.

## Two Cars Crash At Woodward, 14-Mi.

Two cars collided at 1 p. m. Friday at Woodward avenue and 14-Mile road. According to the police report, Ferold L. Allshouse, of route 2, Royal Oak, made a left turn in front of a car driven by Theodore Schultheiss, of Hemlock, Mich., and the latter ran into Allshouse's car, causing $125 damage.

Try an Eccentric Classified Ad for quick results

BIRMINGHAM HOME



351 LAKE PARK DRIVE

True type Colonial home. 5 bedrooms. Vacuum heat, oil. All conveniences. Lot 150 x 150. Reasonable price and terms. Immediate possession. RA 4330.

Merry Christmas

to all those whom we have had the privilege of serving this past year . . . Please accept our thanks along with our sincere greeting.

McBride Hardware
128 S. Woodward Ave.

WE WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU The Season's Greetings

FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Judson Bradway Co.
REALTORS
Phone Birmingham 38
259 S. Woodward Ave.

To Our Many Friends
Both New and Old
A
Merry Christmas

MAX BROOCK INC.
REALTORS
ESTABLISHED 1895
ELMHURST 6530 BIRMINGHAM 1212

*A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year*

HOME SPECIALS

No replacements in sight

| | |
|---|---|
| Near Holy Name School | $8,500 |
| 4 bedroom, 1 bath, brick & frame | $8,900 |
| 4 bedroom, 2 bath, brick | $11,500 |
| Attractive Quarton Lake Estates home | $12,800 |
| Adams School district | $11,500 |

Walsh, James & Wasey Co.
DETROIT - BIRMINGHAM - BLOOMFIELD HILLS - LAPEER - ROCHESTER - NORTH MICHIGAN LAKES
Main Offices Penobscot Bldg.
431 S. Woodward Phone 1250

SCOTT NEWCOMB

**Today is a day of National Emergency**

Do you realize that there are far more oil burners operating with a CO-2 of less than 5%. These could be increased to 10% or better . . . Do you realize that this would mean an approximate saving of 140 gallons of oil per 1000 . . .

Our free analization will give you a definite answer as to the efficiency of your burner.

Bird Service Company
316 Oakland Ave. Phone 90

THE STATE LAND BOARD

again calls attention to the new

SEMI-PRIVATE SALE

of previously offered

OAKLAND COUNTY PROPERTIES

*Lists are now available for*

HUNTINGTON WOODS, PLEASANT RIDGE, FERNDALE, BIRMINGHAM, BERKLEY

These properties will be released for sale on and after Monday, December 29

Lists of other properties, copies of rules and regulations governing these sales and other pertinent information are also available now.

TERMS TO EVERYONE
20% (minimum $100) must accompany bid
Balance in monthly payments

STATE LAND OFFICE BOARD
MASONIC TEMPLE
PONTIAC, MICH.

WANT ADS COST LITTLE AND GET QUICK RESULTS